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ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT

In Preparation

ON AUGUST 7, 1782, GENERAL WASHINGTON ISSUED AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A BADGE TO BE CONFERRED UPON NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AS A REWARD FOR ACTS OF UNUSUAL GALLANTRY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT.

THIS IS THE OLDEST ORDER IN THE WORLD FOR GALLANTRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORDER OF ST. GEORGE OF RUSSIA ESTABLISHED BY EMPRESS CATHERINE II IN 1769.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY IS FORTUNATE IN POSSESSING AN EXAMPLE OF THIS RARE DECORATION—POSSIBLY THE ONLY EXAMPLE IN EXISTENCE—AND ACCORDINGLY PROPOSES TO PUBLISH AN ACCOUNT OF THE ORDER WITH AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE BADGE.

THE BOOK WILL BE BOUND IN CLOTH, PRINTED ON SPECIAL PAPER, AND WILL CONTAIN A COLORED ILLUSTRATION OF THE BADGE, THE EDITION BEING LIMITED TO FIVE HUNDRED NUMBERED COPIES.

ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY. PUBLICATION WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF ORDERS RECEIVED. THE PRICE OF THE BOOK, POSTPAID, WILL BE $1.50.

FROM

Mr Horace Morison
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Soc of the Cinc. - State of New Hampshire
148 State St
Boston, Mass—

Would this be of interest
I have ordered a copy

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Office of the Secretary

Society of the Cincinnati
in the State of New Hampshire

March 7, 1925.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to send to the American Numismatic Society, under separate cover, with the compliments of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire and by direction of the Standing Committee, a copy of "The Order of Military Merit".

Yours faithfully,

Horace Morison

Secretary.

March 14th, 1925

Horace Morison, Esq.
Society of the Cincinnati in the State of N.H.
148 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the copy of the book on the Order of Military Merit, which has so generously been presented to our Society by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire. We much appreciate your gift.

Very truly yours,

Librarian & Secretary

May 7th, 1925

Horace Morison, Esq.
Soc. of the Cincinnati of N.H.
148 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your memorandum of March 6th, I am wondering if there may not have been some mistake - the copy of the volume "The Order of Military Merit" had enclosed the accompanying card. It is copy No.286. If your records show that a second copy was sent to us, please advise me, for I am unable to find that we received more than this one copy. It is just possible that one of our members may have ordered a copy to be sent here, and your records may thus have become confused.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary

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Office of the Secretary

Society of the Cincinnati
in the State of New Hampshire

May 8, 1925.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I greatly regret, through some confusion in our records in "The Order of Military Merit", a bill was sent to you. Please accept my apologies.

Mr. Willey is greatly appreciative of your interest and co-operation in his researches as to badges and decorations.

Yours faithfully,

Horace Morison

Secretary.

Society of the Cincinnati
in the State of New Hampshire

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Office of the Secretary

January 27, 1926.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

It gives me great pleasure to present to the American Numismatic Society on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire a print of the Purple Heart Badge which appears as a frontispiece in "The Order of Military Merit". It has occurred to the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire that you might care to have this print framed, or perhaps to file it in your records of decorations without the necessity of separating the illustration from the book.

A brief description of the badge as taken from the prospectus and from the "Order of Military Merit" may be found on enclosed sheet.

Yours faithfully,

Horace Morison

Secretary

February 9th, 1926

Mr. Horace Morison
Sec. of the Cincinnati in the State of N.H.
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Morison:

Thank you very much indeed for the print of the Order of the Purple Heart, which you have so kindly sent for our use. We are placing it in our library.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI
IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
148 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 23, 1927.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Willey of our Society has shown me a pamphlet published by the American Numismatic Society in 1922 entitled "Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 11 French Orders and Décorations" by Harold E. Gillingham. If it be possible to obtain a copy of this monograph and you will advise me of the cost, it will give me pleasure to send you check in order that a copy may be forwarded to the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire.

Yours very truly,

Horace Morison

Secretary

27th December, 1927

Mr. Horace Morison, Secretary,
Society of the Cincinnati in the
State of New Hampshire,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23d, I regret to inform you that Gillingham's French Orders and Decorations is out of print, and we are therefore unable to send you a copy.

There are, however, in the Numismatic Notes and Monographs, two other volumes by Mr. Gillingham - Italian Orders of Chivalry and Medals of Honor ($2.00), No. 20, and Spanish Orders of Chivalry and Decorations of Honor ($3.00), No. 31 - either of which we should be glad to send you if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Curator